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Maryland Announces \$728,916 in Grants to Monitor Sex Offenders

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention today announced grants totaling almost three-quarters of a million dollars to local jurisdictions to monitor sex offender compliance.

A total of \$728,916 has been awarded to all 23 counties and Baltimore City under the Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland (SOCEM) grant program. The 24 designated law enforcement agencies in these jurisdictions are responsible for the registration and compliance enforcement of sexual offenders on the Maryland Sex Offender Registry (SOR). Currently there are 7,990 individuals on Maryland's SOR.

With the better choices and better results made possible through these funds, offenders found guilty of the most serious offenses such as first and second degree rape, are required to re-register every three months for the rest of their lives. They are under the constant supervision of specially trained, multi-disciplinary teams throughout Maryland, known as COM/ET (Collaborative Offender Management/Enforced Treatment).

Those guilty of less serious offenses are required to register every six months for 25 years or 15 years, depending on the severity of their crime. Offenders who say they are homeless are required to check in with local law enforcement once a week and let the authorities know where they can be found.

The funds will assist law enforcement agencies in their duties of registration, compliance verification, and enforcement. Agencies can use the funds for expenses including personnel costs and expenses for equipment such as hardware and software.

Additional information on the SOCEM program can be found at <http://www.socem.info/>

(Editors: A list of the 24 jurisdictions and the grant awarded to each is attached)

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Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland

SOCEM Grants, July 1, 2013

Jurisdiction	Award Amount
Allegany	\$18,018
Anne Arundel	\$38,271
Baltimore City	\$191,520
Baltimore County	\$101,000
Calvert	\$11,964
Caroline	\$7,722
Carroll	\$16,168
Cecil	\$20,118
Charles	\$21,200
Dorchester	\$7,130
Frederick	\$17,768
Garrett	\$6,961
Harford	\$32,148
Howard	\$14,000
Kent	\$2,750
Montgomery	\$41,600
Prince George's	\$94,000
Queen Anne's	\$3,495
Somerset	\$5,112
St. Mary's	\$16,065
Talbot	\$5,547
Washington	\$26,450
Wicomico	\$21,534
Worcester	\$8,375
Total	\$728, 916

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